



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

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Principal
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Mr. Steve Whycott
Assistant Principal
April/May 2018

A Message from Susie Smith

- **AzMERIT and AIMS testing** went very well for us. We are proud of our students' great effort and dedication to the state testing. The support of your child's attendance during testing was greatly appreciated as well. **Results are expected in May from AZ Dept. of Education.**
- **6th Grade Parent Orientation Night is Monday, April 30, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in our gym.** Parents and 6th graders will have the opportunity to meet Team Venom and Team Champions seventh grade teachers and hear about the many activities and programs that await our incoming 7th graders.
- The excitement of summer approaching brings new behaviors. As we come to the end of another school year, please support us in finishing the year strong with our **students' dress code, attendance and academic standing.**
 - As a reminder, please no short shorts, tank tops, spaghetti straps or bare midriff shirts as well as no shirts with inappropriate slogans or designs.
 - Students are required by law to be in school at least 90% of the school year. Students are allowed no more than 18 excused absences (5 unexcused). Once a student exceeds the allowed number of absences, we are expected to file a citation with juvenile court and/or with the WESD Truancy Prevention Unit.
- **Desert Foothills students must meet the WESD minimum academic requirement of a D average in all five core classes. Letters and enrollment forms in our after school class, Scorpion Pride, have already been sent home to families who have a student in danger of not promoting. Scorpion Pride provides students with an opportunity to improve their current grades in the class(es) that they are in danger of not passing.**

For seventh grade students who do not meet the promotion criteria, summer school at Desert Foothills is mandatory. Eighth graders will have the option of attending Project Sharp with their high school in GUHSD for free. There is no cost for summer school and bus transportation will be provided for all regular bus routes.

Please make sure that you are accessing your child's grades on ParentVue to get an up-to-date grade report and are communicating with your child's teachers. More information will be provided soon on our Summer Academy.

- **Midterm Reports for 4th Qtr. go home on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.**
- **Promotion Ceremony for our eighth graders is Monday, May 21, 2018, in our gym.** The transition from middle school to high school is an important milestone in every student's life. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with you this year. Each student will be given five tickets for the ceremony. If your family would like more than five tickets, your child can request additional tickets in his or her homeroom. If your child does not need five tickets, please return the extra tickets to your child's homeroom teacher. More information will be coming home soon.

9:15 a.m. Promotion Ceremony: Team Eclipse & Team Wolves

10:45 a.m. Promotion Ceremony: Team Phoenix

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2017-2018 Lamp of Learning



**Mrs. Alonnie Hanley,
Title I Para-pro**

Mrs. Hanley is the recipient of WESD's most prestigious award, Lamp of Learning, for her strong connection and dedication to our students' academic excellence and for the positive difference she makes for staff and the Desert Foothills Community. As a Para-pro, Alonnie works directly with EL students assisting them in the computer lab and she assists in our Special Ed. Dept. Alonnie is a familiar face on the DF campus by starting her day assisting in Open Gym, then supervising the Computer Lab where students improve their language skills. No tasks are too big nor too small for Alonnie to conquer in a day at Desert Foothills. Lunch Supervision out on the field, creating awesome bulletin boards all around our campus and being a strong Site Council Member are all part of the job for Alonnie. She inspires students and staff to be their very best and to be accepting and collaborative with others so that we may all reach our potential every day at DF. Alonnie represents DF and WESD with the highest regard of professionalism and respect as Title I Para-pro. We are proud to have Alonnie in the DF Family.

YEARBOOKS!!

Don't miss out. The school year is almost over and yearbooks will be here before you know it. Hurry and order yours now. Supplies are limited. Order forms are available in the office. Return your order form and \$30 to Mrs. Lee in the front office.

WESD Summer Academy
Summer School will be held from
Tuesday, May 29 – Thursday,
June 21 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Thursday

There is no charge for the program with breakfast and lunch included as well as bus transportation for our regular bus routes. Space is limited and students are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so please register today. For more information, contact Mrs. Steward at 602-896-5586.

MEDICATION PICK UP

As the school year comes to an end, please be sure to pick up your child's medication in the health office by 3:00 p.m. on the last day of school. The District policy prohibits the transportation of medication to and from school by anyone less than 18 year of age. All medication left unclaimed will be destroyed.

April/May 2018 Calendar of Events

4/18	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Site Council	5:15 p.m.
	B.E.S.T. P.T.O.	6:00 p.m.
4/19	Spring Dance	4:00 p.m.
4/20	Team Eclipse Field Trip	9:30 a.m.
	Bingo Night	5:15 p.m.
4/23	A-Team Field Trip	9:30 a.m.
	Track Meet Cortez H.S.	4:45 p.m.
4/24	Girls Softball RP@DF	4:45 p.m.
4/25	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Progress Report go Home	
4/26	Track Meet Greenway H.S.	4:45 p.m.
	Girls Softball DF@CH	4:45 p.m.
4/27	Team Phoenix Field Trip	9:00 a.m.
4/28	Recruitment Fair District	8:00 a.m.
4/30	Track Meet WA H.S.	4:45 p.m.
	Girls Softball DF@MS	4:45 a.m.
	6 th Grade Parent Night	6:30 p.m.
5/1	Girls Softball DF@MS	4:45 p.m.
5/2	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
5/3	Leadership Field Trip	9:00 p.m.
	Girls Softball DF@PV	4:45 p.m.
5/4	DF Orchestra Performance	6:00 p.m.
5/5	DF Orchestra Field Trip	6:00 a.m.
5/7	Girls Softball Tournament	4:45 p.m.
	Spring Theatre Performance	5:00 p.m.
5/8	Girls Softball Tournament	4:45 p.m.
5/9	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Site Council	5:15 p.m.
	B.E.S.T. P.T.O.	6:00 p.m.
5/10	Team Champions Field Trip	9:30 p.m.
	Best Buddies Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Track Meet TB H.S.	4:30 p.m.
5/11	Music Festival AM Assembly	9:15 a.m.
5/14	Theatre Play Performance	5:00 p.m.
5/16	8 th Grade Promotion Dance	6:00 p.m.
5/17	8 th Grade Field Trip to C&C	9:00 a.m.
5/18	Promotion Rehearsal	
	Talent Show	TBD
5/21	Eclipse/Wolves Promotion	9:15 a.m.
	Phoenix Promotions	10:45 a.m.
5/22	Team Venom Field Trip	9:30 a.m.
	Report Cards Go Home	
	Last Day for Students	

To view Desert Foothill's online calendar, insert the URL address below into your Internet browser, <http://desertfoothills.wesdschools.org>; click on Desert Foothills Calendar.

2018-2019 School Year

School Starts Monday, August 6, 2018

If your child will not be attending Desert Foothills for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the front office at 602-896-5500 or email us at dfoffice@wesdschools.org and let us know.

Thank you.